

ALL-OUT WAR OPENED ON GANGS

Rioting Breaks Out in Hawaii Strike

Pickets and Nonstrikers Battle; Governor Summons Legislature

HONOLULU, July 20 (UPI)—Violence flared in the first major outbreak in the Hawaiian water-front strike today.

Three policemen and 26 men were injured when massed pickets of the CIO longshoremen's union and nonunion stevedores clashed.

Police, called out for the third time in the history of the dock tie-up, took 38 of an estimated 300 pickets off to jail after an off-shoot of about 200 of them broke through the gates of a newly formed stevedoring company and began smashing windows in protest to employment of nonunion dock gangs.

Held Without Bail

Those arrested were held without bail.

Police Capt. Eugene Kennedy said the raid by about 300 pickets was directed by loudspeaker from an ILWU sound truck.

"Get the cops first," was one of the instructions broadcast, Kennedy said.

Members of the striking International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union attacked as the nonunion stevedores were climbing aboard busses to take them to a pier where the Isthmian freighter, Steel Flyer, is being unloaded.

Strikers and nonstrikers milled around. Fist fights broke out in various groups. Clubs were swung. Police charged into the fray and ultimately separated the two groups.

Special Session Called

At the same time, Territorial Gov. Stainback announced he has called a special session of the Hawaiian Legislature for next Tuesday to "consider such legislation, as shall be deemed necessary to meet the present waterfront emergency and such other legislation as shall be deemed in the public interest."

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A-BOMB HER SECRET TOO, CANADA SAYS

OTTAWA, July 20 (UPI)—Canada, on the basis of information already in her possession, could go ahead and make an atom bomb on her own if she wanted to, acting Prime Minister C. D. Howe told a press conference today.

"We could make a bomb if we wanted to—maybe not as good as the American one—but a good bomb, nevertheless," he said.

Howe emphasized, however, that Canada is not interested in producing atom bombs, but rather in converting atomic energy to peacetime uses.

Making Good Progress

"We're making good progress in our research (mainly at Chalk River, Ont.) and those are the important fields for us," he added.

THIS IS REAL NEWS!

Civics Teacher Wants to Pay More Taxes

The Board of Equalization got the surprise of its life yesterday when a taxpayer asked an increase instead of a reduction in his property assessment.

He is George K. Roth, instructor in American history and government at John Muir College, Pasadena. Outlining the reasons for the unusual request, he told the Board:

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TARGETS—Only an hour after this picture was made in the predawn yesterday as Mickey Cohen, right, and Harry Cooper left Continentale Cafe on Santa Monica Blvd., the two went down in a heap as gunmen opened up on

them outside Sherry's Restaurant, 9030 Sunset Blvd. Cooper, special agent whom Atty. Gen. Howser had ordered as a bodyguard for Cohen, was badly wounded. Cohen's right shoulder was torn by a shotgun slug.

Board Delays SP Rail Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20 (AP)

J. J. Corcoran, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced today that in accordance with President Truman's creation of an emergency board, the strike called against the Southern Pacific Railway was being postponed 60 days.

This would be 60 days from the date originally set for the strike—Friday, July 22, Corcoran said.

The President created the emergency board to investigate the dispute between the Brotherhood and the railway.

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U.S. FAMILY INCOME RISES 14% IN YEAR

WASHINGTON, July 20 (UPI)

Family income in 1948 rose to a median of \$3320 but only \$3000 was left after Federal income taxes, the government estimated today.

The 1948 level was nearly 14% above the 1947 median of \$2920, and compared with \$2600 in 1946, according to a Federal Reserve Board survey.

New England Storm Takes Seven Lives

BOSTON, July 20 (AP)

It hit 85 again downtown yesterday—for the third consecutive day. But desert areas did not fare so well temperature-wise.

Away from the moderating ocean breezes, Silverlake shimmered and baked at 112 deg. El Centro at 109 and Indio at 111. Daggett reported 103 deg. and Bakersfield 99.

Smog again plagued the Civic Center, with visibility ranging from 2 to 5 miles most of the day. Humidity was higher than earlier in the week—55% at noon. Look for fog and low clouds early today, with slightly warmer weather this afternoon, the forecaster said.

Mercury Hits 85 Third Day

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HOWSER EX-AIDE FACES U.S. CHARGE

Lentz Accused of Offering Witness Cash in Attorney General's Suit Against Pearson

WALTER H. Lentz, former chief investigator for Atty. Gen. Howser, yesterday was arraigned before a U.S. commissioner at Fresno on a complaint charging him with interfering with and obstructing justice in connection with Howser's libel suit against Columnist Drew Pearson.

The complaint was issued by U.S. Commissioner Frank Lerrigo at the request of U.S. Atty. James M. Carter, who charged that Lentz had "caused money to be offered" to James Thomas Mulloy of Fresno "to influence Mulloy's testimony" in a libel suit Howser had brought against Pearson.

Payment Charged

The suit was based on the alleged quotation of a charge by Mulloy, which the latter reiterated in a U.S. District Court deposition in Washington, to the effect that he, Mulloy, once gave Howser an envelope containing 12 \$100 bills which he had received from a Long Beach bookmaker.

The charges on which the complaint was issued are to the effect

that Lentz sought, by offers of money, to have Mulloy change this story, Carter said at Fresno yesterday. He would not elaborate further, however, on how much money Lentz "caused to be offered" to Mulloy or the source of the information leading to issuance of the complaint.

Lentz resigned last Dec. 31 with Howser's official blessing. The Attorney General at that time issued a statement saying, "I wish him well in his new anticipated venture. His resignation at this time is of his own election."

The private venture, Lentz disclosed some weeks later, was opening of a private detective agency with headquarters in Long Beach.

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Shooting of Cohen Stirs Huge Man Hunt; Howser Tells of Tip-off

Law enforcement agencies rallied against a bold upsurge of gangsterism in Los Angeles yesterday following the shotgun wounding of Mobster Mickey Cohen and three other persons in the Sunset Strip.

While a man hunt spread for the gunmen who blasted at the local underworld kingpin, an aroused citizenry demanded protection against the rising tide of crime typified by the gangland assassination attempt.

Developments included:

1—A top-level "policy" conference called by Atty. Gen. Howser in the State Building and attended by Sheriff Biscailluz, Chief of Police Worton, Dist. Atty. Simpson, Under-

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sheriff Arthur C. Jewell, Sheriff's Inspector Gordon Bowers, Asst. Chief of Police Joe Reed, Dep. Chief Thad Brown, Asst. Atty. Gen. Kenneth Lynch, Asst. Atty. Gen. Mike Riordan, Chief Special Agent George Griffin, Asst. Dist. Atty. John Barnes and Herbert R. Van Brunt, of the Governor's Commission for the Study of Organized Crime.

Commission's Aid Sought

2—A demand by Councilman Kenneth Hahn that the Crime Commission be requested to work with Worton to "provide the public fullest protection."

3—Announcement by Harry A. Lawson, foreman of the grand jury, that the panel may subpoena Howser to learn why he requested the Police Department, Sheriff's office and the District Attorney's office to "lay off" Cohen while he was accompanied by a State Department of Justice special agent.

4—Disclosure by Howser that his office had "specific information" of a plan to assassinate Cohen and was investigating extensively gangsterism and matters pertaining to the jury's vice inquiry.

5—Announcement by Adm. William E. Standley, chairman of the Crime Commission, that a meeting of that group will be called "as soon as possible" to consider circumstances surrounding the assassination attempt.

6—Persistent reports that Cohen, at liberty under \$100,000 bond after indictment on conspiracy charges several weeks ago, is the target of "eastern interests" which are attempting to "move in" on Los Angeles.

7—Queen of Angels Hospital, where the wounded persons are under treatment, last night received a telephoned warning to "be on guard—we're going to get Mickey tonight." Although the threat was discounted by detectives, three homicide squad officers were assigned to the hospital a short time later.

Others Wounded

Cohen and his companions were shot outside Sherry's Restaurant, 9039 Sunset Blvd., at 3:55 a.m. Also wounded in the fusillade of slugs were:

Harry Cooper, 39, special agent for Howser assigned to guard Cohen a week ago. The former California highway patrolman received a slug in the liver and was reported in a serious condition.

Edward (Neddie) Herbert, 35, a Cohen henchman who escaped 11 shots from a gangland 45-caliber pistol last June 22. He was wounded in the kidney and spleen and was reported critical and in severe shock.

Woman's Condition Critical

Following surgery to remove his spleen, Herbert was reported in better condition, with a chance for life barring unforeseen complications.

The wounded henchman's wife arrived by plane from the East late last night and was met at Los Angeles Airport by Cohen's wife.

Mrs. Dee David, also known as Dee Davis, 26-year-old doctor's assistant and acquaintance of Cohen. She received three

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WOUNDED GANG LEADER ADMITS HE IS SCARED

Mickey Cohen, wounded mob leader, gazed at the ceiling of his heavily guarded room in Queen of Angels Hospital last night and frankly admitted he is scared.

"I'm scared not only for myself, but for everyone around me—my wife, my friends, and even the law," he declared. "I don't know what to expect next. I wish I did."

Asked what he will do when he is able to leave the hospital, Cohen said he has no plans.

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